The rate of disposal of cases now exceeds the number of cases instituted.

Recommendations of pension reforms committee

2023. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some time back Government had set up a Pension Reforms Committee to suggest a new pension system for its employees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committee has since submitted its report;

(d) if not, by when the Committee is expected to submit its recommendations; and

(e) whether the new pension system to be recommended by the Committee would be applicable to the existing pensioners also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (e) The High Level Expert Group on New Pension System submitted its report only on 22nd Feburary, 2002. The Group has recommended, *inter-alia*, a scheme that combines contribution from employees and the Union Government on a matching basis, while committing to the employees a defined benfit as pension and a Voluntary Savings Scheme to which an employee may contribute at his option. The implications of the various recommendations are currently being studied. The new pension scheme envisaged in the Report is recommended for the new entrants only.

Charge-sheet to suspended employee

†2024. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is obligatory on the part of Government to serve a charge-sheet upon its employee within 90 days from the date he is place under suspension;

(b) if so, the relevant provisions;

(c) the methodology of dealing with the erring Disciplinary Authorities;

(d) whether the charge-sheet lapses if it served after expiry of mandatory 90 days time; and

(e) if so, whether the departmental proceedings held, when charge-sheet is served after 90 days, are vitiated and ultra vires?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (e) The existing instructions in the matter provide that every effort should be made to serve the charge-sheet on the government servant, within three months of the date of suspension, and in cases it is not possible to do so, the disciplinary authority should report the matter to the next higher authority explaining the reasons for the delay. These instructions are in the nature of guidelines and neither the charge-sheet lapses nor the departmental proceedings are vitiated where the time limit of 90 days is not adhered to.

Payment of subsistence allowance

†2025. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI:
SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA:
SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether payment of subsistence allowance to employees placed under suspension is obligatory on the part of Government;

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